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## THE THREE FRIENDS

The Successful Filibuster Evades Two Government Cruisers and Lands Her Cargo.

## THE CONSIGNMENT WENT TO GOMEZ.

Report That She Ran a Gauntlet of Spanish War Vessels—Weyler Trying to Explain the Death of Maceo.

## IS MACEO ALIVE?

Report That He Has Fought a Battle in Matanzas and is Slightly Wounded.

Key West, Dec. 16.—Passengers arriving here tonight from Havana report that Antonio Maceo is alive and well and is in the province of Matanzas.

The passengers say that all of the reports that were going on in Havana to the effect that Maceo had been ordered to be executed since it has become known that he is alive.

The Story as Told To-Day.

Key West, Dec. 17.—Passengers from Cuba last night report that General Prast has been ordered to search for Maceo's body. They further stated that a number of newspaper reporters who are investigating the reports of Maceo's death went to Punta Brava. One of them had an interview with the insurgent chief, who told him that the Spaniards would not find it as Maceo was at the head of an army moving toward the Orinoco. He also stated that he accompanied Maceo to Matanzas. When he left Maceo the latter was suffering from a slight wound.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 17.—Much to the joy of the Cubans and their sympathizers, the warships Raleigh and Newark came in yesterday, having failed to find any trace of the sure and slippery Three Friends. The ships went far to the eastward and cruised diligently, but nothing was seen of the filibuster. The command of Key West was overhauled by the Raleigh as she was creeping along near shore, but the disguised war ship was not seen as soon as she was sighted.

It is stated among the knowing ones that the expedition is to land on the southeast side of the island, and that General Gomez has a large force there waiting to aid in landing and conveying to the interior. The Spanish consul here has been frantically writing to Havana about sending vessels off to interfere with the expedition, but it is said by the Cubans that the Bermuda and Three Friends can take care of themselves.

The Spanish war ships are numerous in the straits between here and Havana. No less than three war vessels and five or six large launches have been sighted.

Large Landed. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 17.—It was reported late yesterday afternoon on good authority that the Three Friends landed their cargo on the southeast shore of Cuba Tuesday night after a running fight with two Spanish vessels. A guard from Gomez's army received the cargo safely.

## WEYLER'S 'COMBINATIONS.'

Dispatch from Cienfuegos Apparently Proving the Maceo Assassination Story.

Havana, Dec. 17.—Captain General Weyler yesterday presented \$100 to the chief of Major Cirujeda's column who took from the body of Antonio Maceo the articles which the Spaniards claim establish the identity of the corpse as being that of the insurgent leader.

Major Cirujeda, it is officially announced in a dispatch from Punta Brava, dated December 15, congratulates Captain General Weyler on the success of his recent military operations, adding that "the results obtained were but the natural outcome" of his (Cirujeda's) own strict compliance with the instructions from the captain general and the Marquis de Alburquerque who acted as captain general during General Weyler's absence from Havana.

The captain general, replying to the message of Major Cirujeda, has assured the latter that he will be rewarded for the "splendid services" which he has rendered to Spain.

A mulatto woman named Francisco Hernandez will be tried by court martial tomorrow. She is charged with rebellion and treason. Francisco is described

as an amazon, and formerly belonged to Castillo's band of insurgents.

Cuban Sympathizers. Mitchell, S. D., Dec. 17.—At a meeting of Cuban sympathizers held here last night a paper with fifty signatures of respectable men was presented who are ready to take up arms to defend Cuba.

Secretary Olney Will Furnish Information. Washington, Dec. 17.—It is stated that Secretary Olney will go before the committee on foreign relations tomorrow to furnish much confidential information relative to Cuba.

Recruits for Cuba. Denver, Dec. 17.—Recruiting here for the Cuban army has been almost temporarily. Charles Gregg, a recruiting officer, has turned over to a superior whose identity is unknown, a muster roll of 640 men.

Torrence's Stables Held for a Song. Chicago, Dec. 17.—The stables of the General Torrence estate have been disposed of by auction. They included a collection of horses, carriages and traps, which cost the general \$140,000. The sale realized \$11,000. Among the horses disposed of were Mott and Invincible, which brought \$1800. This pair, with an Imperial landau, which brought \$850, and harness, which brought \$800, the general had designed to present to President McKinley. People from Boston and St. Louis were represented by more than a score of bidders, and some of General Torrence's most prized animals and equipments will go to England. The collection was probably unequalled in any private stable in America, it being the find of the general, who had expended \$81,000 in the last six years with one Chicago firm for equipments. A mail coach that cost \$3900 was secured by the Chicago Polo club for \$725. F. W. Putnam of Boston, secured for \$1800 two magnificent horses, Lamp-lighter and Dark Lantern, and a carriage cab. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and Frank E. Hubbard of New York, have the only rig in this country like it.

Traced a Diphtheria Epidemic. Baltimore, Dec. 17.—Dr. John S. Fulton, secretary of the state board of health, has just completed an investigation of the diphtheria epidemic at Powellville, Wisconsin county, and has traced the origin to an undertaker. He reports that he first learned that the death of a child from the disease occurred last October, and that a public funeral, which is in direct violation of the law, was held from the Methodist church at that place. The undertaker, at the request of a woman, opened the coffin, and the remains were exposed to the view of the congregation. Some cotton had been placed around the neck of the dead child, to protect the clothing from being soiled by discharges from the mouth. The undertaker took some of the cotton, wiped the face with it, and tossed it away. Then the people fled up and viewed the remains. This was the start of the disease.

The heaviest penalty of this criminal, ignorant proceeding fell upon the undertaker whose entire family, consisting of himself, wife and eight children, were all ill with diphtheria. Four of the children died.

## Inter-State Commerce Commission Report.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The interstate commerce commission sent its tenth annual report to congress today. The report reviews the prosecutions instituted by the commission during the year and the results as published from time to time in the press. It says that general discontent is shown by the petitions from so many sections for the enforcement of the statutes and emphasizes the necessity for enforcing the law so as to give greater force and finality to the findings and decisions of the commission. The commission recommends that ticket brokerage on interstate commerce tickets be made a penal offense. A number of other amendments to the law are recommended.

Vigilantes Foiled. Paxton, Ill., Dec. 17.—Last night a mob of some seventy-five men from Drummer township arrived in this city with the avowed intention of lynching Frederick Hartman, the murderer of Mrs. Fred Gedde. Sheriff Mason, learning of the contemplated raid upon the jail, removed the prisoner to Urbana, where he was placed in the Champaign county jail for safe keeping, thus thwarting the would-be vigilantes in their attempt to take the law into their own hands.

Declined on Account of Heart Disease. Berlin, Dec. 17.—In the Prussian upper house the vice president announced that Prince Solms-Poppenheim-Lych was yesterday elected president of that body and declined the honor as he is suffering from heart disease.

## Coxey in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Commonwealth army "Coxey" had an interview yesterday with the chairman of the house banking and currency committee regarding the financial scheme he represents.

## ENGLAND SHAKEN.

A Terrific Earthquake Shakes the Entire Island, Doing Much Damage.

## THE PEOPLE SEIZED WITH PANIC.

Church Spires Are Thrown Down Like Toys—People Are Thrown Out of Beds—Pedestrians Thrown Off Their Feet.

London, Dec. 17.—Great Britain is in the throes of an unprecedented sensation. An earthquake, the most violent ever experienced in this country, has shaken every spire from Durham to Surrey, from London to Killybegs on the Welsh coast. It was first noticed at 5.30 this morning and lasted from four to thirty seconds. At many points two shocks were experienced, the most severe at Cheltenham, Leamington and Dean Forest. The tremors were accompanied by a loud rushing sound. Buildings were violently shaken, furniture shifted, doors thrown open, and ornaments upset. The panic-stricken inhabitants fled from their houses. The earthquake was also violent at Birmingham, in Shropshire and Worcester.

At some points persons on the country roads were thrown down. Numerous people were thrown out of their beds. The Hereford cathedral was badly injured. The dull rumbling was followed by two loud crashes and terrible lightning and rocking. The panic at Hereford was so great that one woman died of fright. Many chimneys fell. All the pinnacles on the St. Nicholas church toppled over and part of the pinnacles of the Cathedral fell. At Liverpool the earthquake was preceded by heavy thunder and a fearful hail storm. It was only slightly felt in London. Near Shrewsbury the streets suddenly seemed to be on fire and a violent report accompanied by a shaking of the earth.

## The Federation of Labor.

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—The Federation of Labor resumed its session this morning. The committee on organization reported the condition of the different trades unions that most wished help from the federation. Most of these applications were referred to the coming executive council but the organizers directed to give immediate assistance to the engineers' progressive association, the horse shoers' union and various state and local organizations. The committee endorsed the recommendation of President Gompers for the employment of special organizers and lecturers to assist trades unions needing assistance. The question of reorganizing the stationary engineers caused an animated discussion.

It was finally decided to refer the application of the stationary engineers, to the executive council with instructions to extend the local unions and organize a national union. It also voted to amend the report of the committee on organizations so as to instruct the incoming executive council to organize all wage earners, unskilled labor as well as skilled. A resolution fixing 50 cents a month as the minimum assessment for all male members of the union was referred. A letter from ex-Governor Foster, chairman of the Ohio commission to investigate convict labor, was read and ordered printed.

## Coal Dealers Meet.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 17.—The retail coal dealers' association of Wisconsin and Illinois met here yesterday afternoon. It is supposed the object of the meeting was to boom prices, though the members did not admit it, but say the principal object was to prevent the whole area cutting on the retail business by shipping to agents in towns where they do not sell to regular dealers.

## Mrs. Drayton Married.

London, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Charlotte Augusta Drayton, oldest daughter of Mrs. Wm. Astor of New York, who some time ago obtained a divorce from her husband, J. Coleman Drayton, on the ground of desertion and non-support, was married this afternoon by a special license at St. Columba's church to George Haig, a whisky merchant of this city.

## Official Vote of South Dakota.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 17.—The official count of the vote at the late election gives Bryan a plurality of 188 over McKinley. Both Republican congressmen are defeated by a slight majority but large pluralities.

## A R. A. Student's Suicide.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Frank R. Philbrick, son of the late E. C. Philbrick, ex-congressman of the Tenth Kentucky district of the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh congresses, suicided at his boarding house yesterday.

## AS VIEWED IN CHICAGO.

Some Gossip Touching the Senatorial Contest in Relation to the Members of the General Assembly.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Protocols from members of the legislature against being classed as Madden men are being received from the country districts with vigorous frequency.

First, Madden's managers claimed they had with them absolutely and certainly thirty-five of the thirty-nine legislators from Cook county. The country members were being humbugged with this bogus claim, when up rose at least fourteen Cook county men who refused to be counted for Madden.

The ground was shifted and the claim was made that the country districts were practically solid for the Chicago alderman. The names of the Madden men were even set forth, but one by one these country "Madden" men are being heard from.

Here are some samples of the protests received yesterday.

Representative Bailey of the Eighth district, was claimed on the Madden list. Mr. Bailey telegraphed to Mason headquarters yesterday in regard to this as follows:

"Author of statement that Representative Bailey is an outspoken Madden man is an outspoken liar. I am for a home man first. As between Mason and Madden, William E. Mason all the time. Such, I think, is the position of nine-tenths of the Republicans of this county."

Representative Lathrop was marked off on the list as an out-and-out Madden man—one of the men who would stick to the fourth ward statesman even though everyone else should desert him. Mr. Lathrop telegraphed this to the Mason headquarters:

"I am not for Madden. I am for Mason first, last and all the time."

Representative DeWoody of the Fifteenth district, was listed for Madden. Here is what Mr. DeWoody telegraphs:

"The people of my district are for Mr. Mason, and I will carry out their wishes." Mr. Ely of the Twenty-ninth district, came to Chicago three weeks ago and publicly denounced Mr. Madden as "an utterly unfit candidate for the United States senate." Efforts have been made since to put Mr. Ely in line, and it is claimed that they have been successful—so successful that the houses felt justified in marking Mr. Ely as a certain Madden man. But Mr. Ely himself has a word to say on the subject, and it is to this effect:

"When any man tells you that I have gone over to Madden just tell him that I say he lies, and I will prove it."

Representative Dickson of the Fifteenth district has been rather silent as to his choice, and this doubtless led the Madden men to feel that they would be warranted in claiming him. Mr. Dickson, however, does not want to be understood, and here is what he telegraphed:

"Our district instructed for Mr. Mason, and notwithstanding the report to the contrary, I am for him first, last and all the time."

There are others—several others—who say that they will make it very plain at Springfield that they know how to resent being "claimed," "traded" and "delivered" without their consent.

The bosses at the Great Northern heard yesterday of those shots from the state at the Madden boom, and they were anything but gratified, especially on the eve of the round-up of their forces, which is to follow the meeting of the state central committee today.

In this connection the efforts begun on Tuesday to get Tanner to give some hint to the country members as to what he desires done in regard to the senatorship were renewed. It is certain that Mr. Tanner has a plan for keeping back the distribution of the plums until after the senatorship question is settled. Some shrewd politicians say that this means a holding back of the patronage in favor of Madden. Others hardly less shrewd read it as meaning that Mr. Tanner may wish to build up a state organization of his own, and that he will take care not to be buried in the wreck of the Cook county machine, which few deny will go to pieces through the strains of electing Madden.

There will be an "experience" meeting after the state central committee gets through with its routine business, and all the senatorial candidates may be invited to show themselves and to talk, too. Mr. Hitt is in town. So is Mr. Mason; and so is Mr. Madden. Mr. Adams is here also, and ex-Governor Hamilton and Clark E. Carr.

The executive committee of the state central committee met yesterday and prepared a financial report to be submitted to the full committee today.

## Echo from the Ramsey Bank.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—The Clinton county (Ill.) grand jury indicted B. H. Niennoff, for seven years cashier of the bank of ex-State Treasurer Ramsey in Carlyle prior to the failure. He is charged with an embezzlement of the bank's funds. No one knows the amount but it is supposed to be high in the thousands.

## HERMANN DEAD.

The Magician Passes Away Suddenly in His Private Car To-Day from Heart Disease.

## ROSEWELL G. HERR CANNOT RECOVER

His Physicians Pronounce His Case Hopeless—Skating Rink and Pleasure Resort in Pittsburg, Pa., Destroyed by Fire.

## SKATING RINK BURNED.

Lost Half a Million—Caused by the Explosion of an Ammonia Cylinder.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—The Casino skating rink and summer theatre and beautiful pleasure resort in Schuylers park, was burned early this morning. The loss is half a million with a small insurance. The fire was caused by the explosion of an ammonia cylinder in the ice skating plant.

## PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

### Senate.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate agreed to change the immigration bill, making the limit of exclusion about sixteen years. Morgan proposed an exception as to Cubans. The amendment occasioned an extended debate.

### House.

The pending question at the opening of the session was the adoption of the amendment to the army appropriation bill to exempt the army navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., from benefit in the appropriation for hospitals. Carried by a vote of 161 to 80. The army bill then passed without division. Curtis (Rep. N. Y.) reported the military academy appropriation bill. Babcock (Rep. Wash.) chairman of the committee of the District of Columbia under agreement made Monday claim day of business. From his committee a resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary of war to loan the ensigns, flags, etc., for decorating the streets on the occasion of McKinley's inauguration and other resolutions granting privileges on the same occasion were adopted.

### Another Missouri Train Robbery.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 17.—While the Missouri, Kansas and Texas flyer was approaching the city early this morning three men who boarded the train further up the road undertook to rob the passengers in the chair car. A wild scene followed. The passengers finally rallied but the thieves fought their way to the platform, jumped off, having secured three gold watches and a small amount of money.

### Ex-Queen Laid.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—No importance is attached in Honolulu to the departure of ex-Queen Lili for the United States. She goes abroad for her health, her final destination being Europe. The announcement that she would go to Washington to meet her niece, Kauiant, is discredited.

### Remains of Kate Field Did Not Arrive.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The steamer Mariposa, from Australia, brought a million and three quarters in British sovereigns. The remains of Kate Field did not arrive today from Honolulu.

### Montreal Failures.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Two heavy failures in the lumber trade are reported. Patrick Donnelly, liabilities, \$100,000; Joseph Jart, liabilities, \$200,000.

### The Plague at Bombay.

Bombay, Dec. 17.—There has been 1811 cases of bubonic plague in this city and 1094 deaths to date. Two thousand people have fled from the city.

### Weather Probabilities.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Rain or snow tonight Friday; colder, Friday; brisk southerly, shifting to northwest winds.

### The Storm at Colon.

Colon, Columbia, Dec. 17.—A regular norther is blowing here. All the steamers left port during the night.

### The Swiss President Elected.

Berna, Dec. 17.—Deucher of Turgau was elected president of the Swiss republic.

## McKinley Departs for Chicago.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Major McKinley left last night to join his wife at the home of her cousins, the McWilliams, in Chicago, as fast as a limited train could carry him. He left Canton at 9:37 in the evening, accompanied by Captain H. O. Heist and national committeeman, Charles G. Dawes, who remained over to accompany the president-elect and the special newspaper men who have been stationed here for months. These newspaper men were so numerous that the railroads were obliged to supply a special extra car for borths, although Major McKinley's only preparation was an order for a berth on the regular train.

The major drove to the depot shortly before train time and remained in the family carriage until the train pulled into the station. Then he led the party to the coach and at the door met his brother, Abner, who had come on from Pennsylvania to join the president-elect during the Chicago visit.

Major McKinley's object in going to Chicago is to find rest and change, and it is his intention to do as little as possible and be as quiet as he can. He is almost sure to remain over Sunday. How late into next week he stays in the Illinois metropolis depends entirely on the degree of quiet and rest he obtains.

## MCKINLEY REACHES CHICAGO.

Train was Cheered Along the Route—Will Spend a Day with Charles G. Dawes at Evanston.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—McKinley arrived at 8:30 this morning. The journey was without incident except that at points passed by the train after daylight the train was cheered by the people who gathered at the stations. McKinley looked in the best of health and spirits and responded cheerily to the salutation of several hundred cheering, shouting people who followed him as he passed through the station and to the carriage of Captain McWilliams at whose house Mrs. McKinley is visiting and where the major will spend most of his time during his visit. He says he will only remain until the first of next week as he will want to be home for Christmas dinner with his mother. He will spend one day with Hon. Charles G. Dawes at Evanston.

## At Springfield Last Night.

The "Prisoner of Zenda" was greeted by a superb audience last night at Chatterton's. The house was crowded, not a seat in the parquet, dress circle and balcony being vacant. Governor and Mrs. Altgeld occupied a box with Colonel and Mrs. N. B. Wiggins. The piece is splendidly staged and the company which presented it left nothing to be desired in the way of excellence. The audience fully appreciated the rendition, and demonstrated this fact by applause that would not be satisfied until the curtain was raised two or three times at the close of each act. The story is infinitely sweet and tender and cannot but appeal to the better natures of true men and women. The vein of pathos which runs through the play is quite enough to make it immortal. The play is a conflict between love and honor, with the sacrifice of love to irreproachable honor. The company is fine. Howard Gould, in the dual role of "Rudolph the Fifth" and "Rudolf Rasendyll," displayed dramatic ability of a high order. Isabel Irving, as "Princess Flavia," divided the honors with Mr. Gould, and in the love scene with the king did a tender bit of acting. Arthur Elliott, as "Duke Wolfgang," and William Owen, as "Colonel Sapt," interpreted their characters with an easy naturalness, and Maude Odell, as "Annette," as well as the other members of the company, performed their parts with commendable merit. All in all, the "Prisoner of Zenda" made a decided hit, and it is safe to say that of all the great audience that witnessed it last night, not one went away disappointed.—Springfield Register, Dec. 17, '96.

## Fractured Her Elbow.

Miss Donaker, living in Riverside place, met with a painful accident this morning. She was on a vacant when she was hit by a team of runaway horses headed toward her. She became frightened and in attempting to get out of the way tripped and fell. Her right elbow was dislocated and fractured. Dr. W. J. Chenoweth was called and gave her surgical attention. Miss Donaker will be confined to her home for some time and will probably not have the use of her arm for six weeks.

## Had Their Baggage Shipped.

This morning the parents of one of the four boys who ran away from this city last Monday received a telegram from the police at Louisville, Ky., in regard to the boys' baggage. They had shipped a grip to Louisville and sent a telegram to that place ordering that the baggage be sent on to Springfield, Ky. No one knows of the boys having been at Louisville themselves. The police are on the watch for them and when they have an opportunity will arrest them. It is thought that the boys are having their baggage shipped and avoiding the large cities themselves.

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## Is the Tariff a Dead Issue?

The roaring Senator Vest of Missouri, has been heard from again in the senate. He is the gentleman who once gave it out that he had inside information that Grover Cleveland was in favor of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Recent events show that he was mistaken as to that. He now rises to make not only one but two equally improbable statements. The first is that the election of McKinley has not brought prosperity. The second is that the tariff question is a dead issue and that nothing but inflation will restore prosperity.

As to the first statement it is only necessary to condemn it as a piece of demagoguery that would do justice to a kleptomaniac. No one contended that the election of McKinley would restore prosperity but it was claimed and is still insisted upon by the majority of the American people that the McKinley administration will restore prosperity. It was claimed not only by Republicans but by nearly a million of Democratic voters that the election of McKinley and the defeat of Bryan would restore confidence in the stability of the money of the country. This claim has been verified since the election. On the very next day following, gold that had been withdrawn from circulation by hoarding it, began to return to the banks and was paid out over the counters. The same has continued ever since. Not only this but since the election decided that credit would be paid in the same money they loaned or in the same money the contract contemplated there has been plenty of money to loan and interest has been reduced. Does Vest know these facts? Of course he does. As to protection being a dead issue the old fossils of the Vest class will find it one of the liveliest issues in the country. It was a live issue in 1890 and 1893 and the Democrats carried the country on it upon promise that a low tariff would make cheaper goods and give the country greater prosperity than was possible under protection. Has that promise been kept? Has the country realized anything but depression in business in going after a free trade tariff? If that is all they realized what has trumpeted to make the tariff a dead issue among the people. Once Mr. Vest believes that because he and his Bourbon colleagues failed on the tariff as an issue and sought to distract the minds of the people by free silver, that therefore the tariff is a dead issue. Mr. Vest forgets that they did not fool the people. They were fooled in 1892 but they were not fooled in 1896 and under such conditions the tariff as an issue is not dead when those who wish it were a dead issue proclaim its death.

The Republican party stands for sound money and protection. The victory at the polls settles the fact that every dollar shall remain as good as every other dollar. No legislation is necessary to establish that fact. With the tariff and the effect of legislation upon that question it is different. In that case a new bill must be enacted and the present tariff not must be repealed, and as soon as that is done business will begin its triumphant march back to the conditions we had in 1893 when "Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked." President McKinley will convene the new congress in extraordinary session for the purpose of enacting a new tariff bill into law with the view of putting business upon its feet again and providing revenue enough to meet the current expenses of the government.

## The Present Tariff and Cattle.

Samuel W. Allerton is engaged in preparing a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Morton, which he will give to the public in a short time. It is a reply to one received from the secretary ten days ago, attacking the former letter of Mr. Allerton, published in a Chicago newspaper.

Mr. Allerton's published letter arraigned the secretary for admitting Canada cattle to the United States for shipment under bond from the port of Boston. He said this regulation exposed American cattle to England, and by monopolizing the shipping facilities excluded 2000 head of American cattle from European markets every week.

Secretary Morton said in his letter to Mr. Allerton that Canadian cattle had always been admitted to this country under bond for shipment from the port of Portland, and all he did was to extend the privilege to Boston also. He did this because of the increased vigilance exercised in England in regard to pleuro pneumonia. As to the importation of cattle into this country from Canada, no change had been made.

The secretary ridiculed the charge that the admission of Canadian cattle to the port of Boston had deprived American cattle dealers of shipping facilities. He said that from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, 1896,

only 976 head of Canadian cattle had been shipped from Boston, while during the year ending June 1 the transportation lines carried 260,000 head. He could not see how the carrying of about 85 head of Canadian cattle a week deprived American cattle of their chance of shipment. He also denied that there was any pleuro pneumonia either in this country or in Canada, and therefore denied that the reputation of American cattle could be injured by association with Canadian cattle. Mr. Allerton will take issue with the secretary on nearly every point. He says he had not meant to refer at all to the importation of Canadian cattle to this country. But he maintains, all the same, that there have been changes of momentous character in the tariff on cattle, which have done to the farmers of this country the greatest injury. He denied yesterday that there was no pleuro pneumonia in Canada, and said that the British government had been compelled to require the Canadian cattle to be slaughtered in the same port in which they were landed. As to the Canadian cattle depriving the American cattle of their shipping facilities, he says the secretary's figures were probably right, but had been based on the figures estimated for one week only. Still, he says, the Canadian cattle crowded out more than their own number of American cattle, because the American shippers were afraid of contagion.

Mr. Allerton says he is hard at work on a formal and complete answer to the secretary, but was delayed by the want of some statistics for which he had sent. His answer to the secretary will appear in a short time.

**Employees Take Stock.**  
The Illinois Central railroad officials have before them the applications of 1500 employees of that road who desire to purchase the company's stock. These applications are coming in at the rate of 250 and 300 a month and indicate a strong desire on the part of the working force of the road to be in full harmony with the executive departments.

The Illinois Central employs 29,000 men. More than one-fourth of the employees of the company are now stockholders and it is thought one-half will be enrolled. In the success of the plan of making the employees financially interested with the executive, it is believed the company has taken a formal step in the direction of solving the strike problem and teaching the labor classes the value of economy.

Stuyvesant Fish, president of the company, is the author of the plan, which no other railroad in the world has yet adopted, although its success has been proved after months of experiment. Large manufacturing concerns and other corporate interests are addressing the Illinois Central for information as to how the scheme has worked and if it can be applied in other industries.

## The Senatorial Fight.

The Chicago Tribune. The senatorial pot is boiling briskly. The Tribune renounces its advice to Governor Tanner to keep his fingers out of it or they may be scalded. The temptation is strong when a lively fight is going on to take a hand in it, but by abstaining Governor Tanner will have increased influence and be held in higher respect. Should he get entangled in the pending conflict he would help neither himself nor the party. The use of state patronage to force an undesirable senatorial candidate on an unwilling people would strengthen the feeling already prevalent, that there is too much machine government. When the rank and file of a party think a deliberate attempt is being made to foist on them as candidate for a high position a person whom they do not consider qualified, their gorge rises, their party zeal is loosened, and party ascendancy is endangered. It is bad politics to force an objectionable man on the people. The cool-headed, far-sighted politician always tries to avoid making that blunder. He knows both he and his party will suffer.

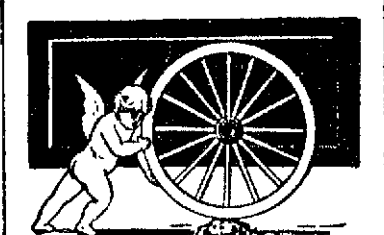
When Andrew Jackson fought his duel with Dickinson, the latter, who was a dead shot and was certain he would kill Jackson, fired first, and noting that Jackson did not fall he exclaimed: "My God, did I miss him?" Jackson then fired and killed Dickinson. Before William Jennings Bryan undertakes to show that Jackson, if he were alive, would be in favor of 16 to 1 he should note these facts. Dickinson had not missed but Jackson killed him just the same. Moral: Don't tackle Jackson because he is dead and you think you have a clinch.

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, intimated in a speech recently that William Jennings Bryan is the greatest orator since the days of Clay and Webster. This assumption is somewhat of a reflection on the Eighteenth congressional district which Bryan stamped in 1895 and no one discovered that a great prophet was in their midst.

Senator Cullom has won many friends by the vigorous manner in which he treated the Cuban question. When he said let us make our own precedents he voiced the sentiment of the people.

**Blacken a Armer Salve.**

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Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodas's News House.—14-cents.

Felt boots and overs at Waggoner & Co.'s for \$1.00.

Mama eats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

Bulk perfumes and atomizers for Christmas, low prices at West's drug store.

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

Extremely cold weather is predicted for Sunday, the frigidly to remain with us for an indefinite period.

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

The members of the Fifth and Second regiments of the Illinois National Guard are to be at Springfield on January 11th to have a part in the ceremonies attending the inauguration of John R. Tanner as governor.

Thomas A. Pritchett has consented to auction off the dolls at the doll fair to be given by Decatur Juvenile temple, No. 180, tomorrow night. Pretty dolls, richly attired, were received from Boston, Chicago and Peoria yesterday. Quite a group of smiling blushing faces will be present from various big cities, representing the good will of different celebrated ladies.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 438, new phone 436. M. F. Metz.—31-cents.

Our line of dolls is the talk of the town. You can buy them from 10 to \$6. No such value shown anywhere as we give you. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

A change. E. T. Coleman & Co., the electrical supply men, have sold out their business to E. E. Gibson, who is already in charge. He will continue the business.

30 Cents. Buys a one-dollar largest size wooden wheelbarrow this week at our store.

A revelation to the Public. We have a state secret to reveal to you if you will come and see us prior to ordering your Christmas turkey, duck, or goose. Gains of every description to be had of us if ordered in time to be shipped in. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Telephone 314.—14-cents.

At Vandellia. The four Decatur boys who left home without consent of their parents have been heard from as having been at Vandellia yesterday. It is learned that they sent a valise by express from that point to Louisville, Ky.

The Beautiful Piano. On exhibition at the Lutz Music House are wonders in designing and musical art. None can compare with them. Come and see and get the surprisingly low prices and easy terms now offered. The small instrument line surpasses anything in Central Illinois—violins, mandolins, guitars, banjos, harps and music rolls. Books for Xmas presents in abundance. Select now while the stock is complete. S. M. Lutz.—11-cents.

The Masonic Reception. The committee in charge of the reception to be given tomorrow night on the occasion of the opening of the remodeled Masonic temple wish every member of the Masonic fraternity to understand that he is especially invited to be present, whether affiliated with any of the local lodges or not, and this invitation is intended to also extend to the members of his family. Each member of the Eastern Star is also expected to be present. The hours of the reception will be from 8 to 12.

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## YOUNG CLINTON GIRL ASTRAY.

Left Her Home and Tramped for Days in St. Louis.

Poorly clad, sick and a stranger in a big city, Belle Brown, of Clinton, Ill., tramped the streets of metropolitan St. Louis in hunger, until her frail body could stand the strain no longer, says the St. Louis Chronicle.

She was taken to the city hospital Tuesday night, a hopeless maniac. Delusions of persecution are constantly harassing her, and whenever she is approached the girl exclaims: "You have come to kill me; I can see the dagger pointed at my breast." This is the second time the girl has been in the hospital within two weeks. On the previous occasion she was in a complete state of physical exhaustion, and emaciated, owing to days of hunger. At that time the girl said she was 18, and her parents were poor people, residing in Clinton. To lighten their burden she determined to leave home, and found employment as maid to a family named Sylvester, on Maple avenue in Cahoon Place. While there she became sick and had to seek other quarters, she claimed. "Then," said the girl, "I found out what a mistake I made in coming to a big city. I tramped about the town for days.

"Sometimes I slept in coal sheds at night. There were ways of making money offered me, but I would have died rather than accept."

Officer McClellan, at the Union station, again led her into the institution Tuesday night. He said she had been about the station nearly all day acting peculiarly.

She frequented the "midway" begging everyone to send her home. Matron Frazier took the stranger in charge.

"I want to go home before I die," is all she would say.

## A JANUARY WEDDING.

The Approaching Nuptials of Peter Vredenburg, Jr., and Miss Hoskins.

The scores of friends of Mr. Peter Vredenburg, Jr., the popular young lumber dealer, will be pleased to hear that his marriage to Miss Pussie Anne L. Hoskins, of Decatur, is announced to occur on Jan. 12, says the Springfield News. The ceremony will take place at noon on that day at the First Presbyterian church of Decatur. Rev. Penhallegon, pastor of that church, will perform the ceremony. The Episcopal marriage ceremony will be used. Miss Hoskins will be attended by Misses Bartholomew, Roberts, Montgomery and Roby of Decatur, and Misses Catherine Brown and Vredenburg of Springfield.

Mr. Charles R. Hudson, of Springfield, will act as best man and the ushers will be Messrs. L. T. Southor, Robert H. Lord, H. S. Dickerman and William W. Smith of Springfield, and Bruce Chenoweth of Decatur. The ceremony will be followed by a wedding breakfast and reception at the home of the bride, and after a short trip south Mr. and Mrs. Vredenburg will be at home on West Governor street.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dr. T. S. Hoskins, of Decatur, and is very popular in Decatur society. Mr. Vredenburg is of the firm of Peter Vredenburg and is one of Springfield's most promising young business men.

## CORN AT LOW PRICES.

The Question of Holding It Or Waiting for an Advance.

Champaign Gazette: Champaign county farmers seem to be at a loss to know whether to put their corn to market at the present low prices or to hold it for an advance, and no one likes very much to give advice, just now, upon that point. Superintendent Joseph Carter of the city schools, who is a good deal more of a farmer than most people suppose, expressed his view of the matter the other day by saying he had faith in higher prices. "I made up my mind, a good many years ago, never to sell corn for less than 30 to 35 cents, and I have never yet had to hold corn three years to get my price. I had a funny experience once. I had a big lot of corn and the price was low. I borrowed money, put a mortgage on the farm to secure it, and bought a lot of cattle to eat up the corn. I put them to market as fast as they got ready, but before I got them all in good marketable condition I was buying corn at 40c a bushel to feed them. The proceeds of the transaction netted just about enough to pay off the mortgage, but I consoled myself with the reflection that I had had the use of the cattle."

## ILL ONLY A WEEK.

Death of Mrs. J. B. Nowlin in Austin Township.

On Wednesday Dec. 10, Mrs. John B. Nowlin of West Kingston, this city, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Clarence Emery, in Austin township. She had gone to Austin to attend her daughter in an illness. The daughter died Wednesday, Dec. 9, just one week before the death of her mother. Mrs. Nowlin took a cold on the way to her daughter's, and it developed in an illness that finally caused her death.

Mrs. Nowlin leaves a husband and five children, two daughters and three sons. The funeral will be held at the Ridge chapel at noon Saturday. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hatfield of the U. B. church, of which Mrs. Nowlin was a member. The interment will be at the Ridge chapel burying ground near the church.

Mrs. Nowlin had a host of friends who will join with the members of her family in mourning her death. Mr. and Mrs. Nowlin had recently moved to Decatur from Austin township.

## Church Entertainment.

An entertainment was given last evening in the guild hall of All Angels' church which was largely attended by the young people of the neighborhood and their parents. The program was given consisting of an instrumental solo by Miss Laura Tallis, a recitation by Miss Flora Kitchen, vocal solo by Miss Lillian King, tambourine dance, Miss Neta Brown, song, R. W. Clinton, vocal solo by Miss Ella Hawsey. Refreshments were served by the ladies and music was given for the rest of the evening by a mandolin orchestra.

## Married at the Parsonage.

George D. Slanker and Miss Effie Jenson were married at 9:30 last night at the First M. E. church parsonage by Rev. D. F. Howe. Mr. Slanker is a clerk in Herbert Howes' grocery on West Main street. The bride's home is in Clinton and she has been visiting her brother near this city. Both young people have many friends to wish them well. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Jenson, Mr. Jenson being a brother of the bride, and Mrs. Jenson, who was formerly Miss Frances Slanker, being a sister of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Slanker went to housekeeping at once in a house already furnished at 1090 West Wood street.

## Officers Elected.

At a regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Sons of Veterans the following officers were elected: President—Mrs. Mary I. Hamsher. Vice-president—Miss Minnie Miller. Trustees—Mrs. Emma Miller, Mrs. Minnie Garrow and Mrs. Anna Wood. Treasurer—Miss Ida Haworth. Chaplain—Mrs. Minnie Garrow. Guide—Mrs. May Smith. Assistant guide—Mrs. Nellie Shultz. Inside guard—Miss Maggie Golden. Outside guard—Miss May Moutler. National delegate—Mrs. Kittle Duncan. Alternate—Mrs. Nellie Shultz. Division delegate—Mrs. Mattie Wilson. Alternate—Miss Minnie Garrow. Advisory board—John Allen, Roy Dawson, J. W. Smith, Louis Chandler and Edward Walsh. Judge advocate—James Wood.

## The Odd Fellows' Reception.

At the hall of Decatur Lodge No. 45, I. O. O. F., last evening a reception was given in honor of the members of the committee who were here to make plans for the old folks home. There were about 300 persons present from both lodges of the city. C. M. J. acted as chairman and speeches were made by all the visitors, telling of what plans they had in view.

Short addresses were made by Judge Phillips of Virginia, W. R. Jewell of Danville, Mrs. Nellie Harris of Chicago, Judge Whentley of Duquoin, J. H. Riddle of Alton, and C. F. Mansfield of Mansfield. The lodges that took part in the reception were Decatur Lodge, No. 65, Celestial lodge, No. 180, and Columbia lodge, No. 190. The reception and general committee consisted of W. E. Pease, A. W. Hendricks, L. N. Martin, Jr., H. A. Votaw, C. M. Lytle, D. C. Corley, W. H. Davis, W. H. Peters, J. B. Fritz and J. W. Fribourg. It was announced last night that the committee was practically through their labors and all that remained was the receiving of bids for the location of the new home. They will be received up to Feb. 15.

## Theatrical Treat To-Night.

Daniel Frohman, the genial New York lyceum manager, has a treat in store for lovers of high class attractions in that for tonight when he will present at the Grand opera house his latest success, "The Prisoner of Zenda," on the same plane of perfection as he did at the lyceum. The engagement promises to be the leading theatrical event of the season. The lyceum has produced more of the high grade of plays than any theatre in this country, numbering among them "The Charity Hall," "The Wife," "Sweet Lavender," "Lord Chumley," etc., all gems of dramatic construction. "The Prisoner of Zenda," however, has proved the most remarkable of all his successes. It had its origin in the fanciful, romantic story written by Anthony Hope and approved by all classes of theatre goers alike.

The company was selected with much care from among the lyceum players, who were members of the original lyceum cast, and include Isabel Irving, Madge Odell, Howard Gould, William T. Owen, Walter S. Hale, Arthur Elliot, John Findlay, Mervyn Dallas, R. J. Dutton, Myron Calico, John Forezen, Grace Reale and others of the original lyceum company.

## Hold a Comedy Company.

The favorite, Holden Comedy company, No. 1, long and successfully known in the west and particularly in this state, begins a two-night engagement at the Grand Friday evening. The company of twelve people is headed by clever Kittle De Lorme, a big and deserving favorite. The program will be changed each night, the plays being for the most part sensational comedies entirely new to our city. Original and up-to-date singing and dancing specialties will be introduced nightly, including the appearance of little 4-year old Nellie Clayton in songs and dances at each performance.

## Good-Bye.

A reception will be held at the Baptist church tonight in honor of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McIntyre. All friends are invited to attend. Mr. McIntyre will leave for his new home in Evansville, Ind., Friday morning. Mrs. McIntyre will remain with her parents until the first of the year.

## MURDER TRIAL AT CLINTON.

Ed Polen the Defendant He Will Plead Insanity.

The town of Clinton is thronged with visitors this week to witness the trial of Edward Polen, the young man who in April last shot and killed his young wife and her mother, Mrs. McMullen. After committing the crime, Polen got on a train and rode some distance when he jumped off and was nearly killed. Sheriff Neal and a posse of citizens had pursued Polen and he thought to escape by leaving the train. The mob spirit was at a high pitch, and Polen was brought to Decatur in a rig to escape lynching. He was kept in the jail here for awhile and was then returned to Clinton.

Frank Marsh, the turnkey at the Decatur jail, and Will Lindsay, a reporter, both of whom had conversations with Polen while he was a prisoner in Decatur, are at Clinton to testify in behalf of the people. State's Attorney John Fuller of DeWitt county, is prosecuting Polen. The defendant's counsel are Attorneys Sweeney and Ball. Strong efforts will be made to secure the death penalty.

## Polen's Brutal Crime.

This version of Polen's crime is given together with what he had to say after he had been brought to Decatur:

Polen in his statement said that last March he went with his wife to Creston, Iowa, and lived with her until about a week before the shooting when she left him and started back home. He followed on the next train and overtook her at Peoria and came the rest of the way to Clinton with her. Her parents would not allow her to have anything to do with Polen after they returned to Clinton and that was the cause of the shooting. The day of the shooting Polen went to the postoffice and got a letter for his wife from a friend in Iowa. Shortly after he met his wife on the street in company with a woman named Mrs. Fisher. As they passed him he called to his wife that he wanted to see her and showed her the letter. She asked if it was for her, and he told her yes. She wanted him to give it to her, but he refused at that time and said, "I will give it to you tonight when you meet me down there," meaning an old bridge south of her home, where he had met her often before. She told him that she could not meet him there, and he said he would keep the letter so that she would have an excuse to see him.

Polen said that he was going hunting that afternoon. After seeing his wife, he went home and got a double barrel shot gun and started for the reservoir to shoot snipes.

As he was going down the street he saw his wife and Mrs. Fisher coming toward him on the opposite side of the street. With the gun in his hand he started across the street toward them. As he approached, he says, the women both turned pale, and he said, "Did you think I was going to shoot you?" to which Mrs. Polen replied, "No, I think you have got more sense than to do that, but you scared me a little."

He walked with them to the home of the McMullens, where he stood in front of the house and talked to his wife for some time in his endeavors to get her to promise to meet him that night.

Mrs. McMullen finally ordered the girl to come into the house. At that Polen asked the girl not to go in, saying that he could not go inside the yard. Mrs. McMullen finally said that she would see that Polen left, and started up town to call Chief of Police Moffit. She returned in about fifteen minutes without the officer, and then some words passed between them and Polen said, "You just let us alone. We get along all right ourselves and never had any trouble but what you made for us. At that he picked up the gun and, as both women started to run for their lives, he fired two shots in rapid succession that hit low two innocent and defenseless women.

In closing the awful recital, Polen said, "I was crazy when I did it and did not know what I was doing. I had no intention of shooting anyone when I met them. I am not a drinking man, had not touched a drop of liquor that day."

## Dancing.

The second term of Prof Leonard's dancing class commences next Monday night. Beginners' class meets at 7:30. The fee for this term will be \$4 to all former pupils.—12-cents.

## A Thimble Party.

Yesterday afternoon Misses Stella and Laura Jenkins entertained a few of their young lady friends at a thimble party at their home on West William street. The affair was in honor of Miss Blanche Plowman, of Taylorville.

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

W. L. Dumont is in Chicago.

David Leech, who has been ill is better.

Rev. J. W. Crane was in Springfield yesterday.

Postmaster Shipley, of Maroa, was in the city to-day.

Mrs. Andrew Webster, of Argenta, was in the city to-day.

E. W. Hill went to Walker Station this morning on business.

James Minkie left this morning for the Indiana Mineral Springs.

Robert Mueller is ill of bronchitis at his home in the east part of the city.

Miss Grace Marquis, of Monticello, is in the city visiting Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Lee.

F. M. Young arrived home last night from Chicago where he went on business.

Miss Minnie Crane is ill of typhoid fever at her parents' home on West Main street.

Mrs. Anna Pesse went to Chicago last night to visit her daughter, Mrs. Walter Nims.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moothart, at Orona, on Wednesday, December 16, a son.

T. T. Roberts returned home last night from Jacksonville, where he has been on a business trip.

The child of F. O. Riggs, who has been ill at the family residence on West Eldorado street, is better.

Mrs. I. E. Brown, of Oak Park, Ill., is expected in the city this evening to visit her brother, Milton Johnson, and family.

Lindley Jones, who attends the St. John's military academy at Delahoid, Wis., will be home Sunday evening to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones.

## MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17, 1896.

Tao KAPUNIA & Co. is indebted to R. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations:

	Open-	High-	Low-	Close-
Wheat—				
December.....	78 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2
May.....	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2
June.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
July.....	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2
August.....	20	20 1/2	20	20 1/2
September.....	20	20 1/2	20	20 1/2
October.....	20	20 1/2	20	20 1/2
November.....	20	20 1/2	20	20 1/2
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September.....	20	20 1/2	20	20 1/2
October.....	20	20 1/2	20	20 1/2
November.....	20	20 1/2	20	20 1/2
December.....	20	20 1/2	20	20 1/2

May wheat: puts, 75 1/2; calls, 81 1/2; curb, 80 1/2.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—OAK LODGE.

Wheat—10, Estimated, 27. Year 1896, 152.

Corn—200, Estimated, 210. Year 1896, 152.

Oats—200, Estimated, 225. Year 1896, 152.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 40; Corn, 350; Oats, 340.

Box receipts 22,000; estimated 30,000. Market steady.

Light, 3.20; 3.45; Mixed, 3.20; 3.45; Heavy 3.20; 3.45; Rough 3.20; 3.45.

Estimated for to-morrow, 31,000.

Cattle receipts 10,000; market strong.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Wheat, cash, No. 2, 80 1/2; May, 80 1/2; Corn, cash, No. 2, 23 1/2; Oats, cash, 17 1/2; May, 20 1/2.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Wheat, May, 80; Corn, May, 20 1/2; Oats, May, 20.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Butter, quiet, creamery, 15 1/2; Eggs, steady, 15 1/2.

PRIMA QUOTATIONS.

PRIMA, Dec. 17.—Corn, steady, No. 2 white, 20 1/2; Oats, irregular, No. 2, white, 18 1/2; Rye nominal.

## THE RAILWAY CASE.

1. D. & W. Railway Contention Still in Court.

In the circuit court today Attorney Harry C. Crawford submitted three amendments to the original information and their acceptance was combated by Attorney Miller. The court sustained the amendments in part, rejecting the rest. This afternoon Mr. Crawford filed replications, and since court opened the attorneys for the organization have been preparing answers. The organization is ready to go to trial. Possibly Mr. Crawford, who has not fared very well thus far in the hearing, will ask for a continuance.

## The Hunt Presentation.

This will be the program for the exercises at the high school tomorrow afternoon at the presentation of the plaster bust of Superintendent E. A. Gastman:

Music—By the high school chorus.

Opening Remarks—Principal J. J. Sheppard.

Address—Personal Recollections, Prof. John W. Cook, L. L. D., president of Illinois State Normal University.

The Artist—Leonard Crunell, by Mrs. M. E. Haworth.

Presentation of bust by Mrs. Anna E. Murphy.

Acceptance—D. S. Shellabarger.

Music—High school glee club.

Salon of Real Estate.

F. M. Burns to Zerilda F. Burns, lots 3 and 4, block 22, in Blue Mound—\$1500.

Zerilda F. Burns to R. D. Ward, same lots as above—\$900.

## GLASS-PLATED TYPE.

The Body Made of Hard Rubber—Recent German Invention.

The replacing of metal type by type made of glass is being seriously considered, since it has been found practicable to produce glass type. Since printer's type is locked and held together solidly in frames, type consisting of one piece of glass was not found to work satisfactorily, as the material was found to be too brittle to withstand the pressure. The material, however, is so much cheaper and will save so much time in the manufacture of type that the use of glass was not given up when it was found that it was not entirely available for the purpose. Wilhelm Pilz, of Johannesburg, near Gaborz, the center of the Bohemian glass industry, has now patented a very remarkable invention. He proposes to make the body of the type of hard rubber or celluloid, which, when locked in the frame, will resist the pressure without difficulty and places the glass top of the letter—that is the real face of the type—upon the rubber body, cementing them solidly by the use of cement. So as not to suffer under the pressure, the face of the type is somewhat smaller than the traverse section of the body, and in this way the touching of the face of the type in the form is effectively prevented. The advantage of using glass for type, which will keep its sharpness for a much longer time, since glass is not subject to wear as metal is, is therefore, effectively achieved with this invention. The innovation has been practically tested, and at the present moment may be produced in unlimited quantities at comparatively small cost.

The demand for type is enormous, and type foundries turn out millions of type per year. In the 30s all printers' type had to be finished by hand. At that time an output of 4,000 type per day was considered very large. The first type-making machine invented by David Bruce, in 1838, could turn out 20,000 type, while the J. R. Johnson machine, patented in 1853, finished daily about 25,000 type, turning it out ready for use. The latest invention in this field was the double type machine of the Frenchman, Fouchet, which turns out almost 50,000 per day. By the system of Pilz it will be possible to turn out from 100,000 to 120,000 type per day on the three machines necessary to produce his combined rubber and glass type.—St. Louis Republic.

## LOUISIANA'S UNSTABLE SOIL.

A Channel Four Miles Wide That Was Started by a Man with a Paddle.

A committee of Louisiana engineers has been investigating the Baptist Collet canal, which has become an outlet of the river, in order to determine whether it is a work of nature or of man. The committee was unable to get any definite information on the subject, but leans to the idea that it was originally a ditch, which has been magnified by the work of the river into a pass or outlet of the Mississippi. An attempt will be made to determine which of the streams of Louisiana are natural and which are artificial, so as to guide the river and harbor committee in providing for them.

There is a great deal of confusion on this subject, and nearly all the maps of Louisiana are erroneous because of the frequent appearance of new streams and the disappearance of old ones. It is well known that Bayou Plaquemine is artificial, although the government has treated it as a natural waterway; and even the Atchafalaya, the largest river in Louisiana after the Mississippi, is more artificial than natural, having appeared on the original map as an insignificant creek, Bayou Opelousas or Apolosa. A still more important stream that is purely artificial and due to an accident is known as Morrison's cut-off, in St. Mary parish. It was once solid land, but some 40 years ago a man named Morrison, finding that he had to go a long way around to reach St. Bernard bay, jumped ashore, and, with a paddle, made a ditch through which he was able to float his boat. When he returned two weeks after by the same route he found that the water of Bayou Sale and St. Bernard bay had taken the new channel, and that the ditch was 200 feet wide. It is four miles wide to-day, and the land he cut off has been gradually washed away, until it now consists only of a string of small islands. Morrison's cut-off is now the route for numerous vessels running along the coast of south Louisiana. It was made in the course of a few hours with an ordinary perogoe paddle and by one man, but would probably have cost the United States thousands of dollars if it had been undertaken as an engineering enterprise, and if the gulf waters had not done the work.—N. Y. Sun.

## Marriage Licenses.

Louis Fox, Wheatland, 30.

Clara Schlegman, Hooey, 19.

Forrest W. Andrews, Decatur, 29.

Ida L. Morgan, Decatur, 22.

Abner F. Park, Hartsburg, 30.

Mary L. Sawyer, Decatur, 26.

George D. Blaker, Decatur, 23.

Edna Jepson, Clinton, 22.

## Lecture for Young Men.

This evening Dr. W. M. Catto will deliver a lecture at the guild hall of All Angels' church on East Eldorado street. The lecture was to have been given last week but was postponed until this evening. All young men of the neighborhood are invited to attend.

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It is estimated that on the farms that make up Delavan township, in Tazewell county, there is enough corn at 25 cents a bushel to make \$200,000. Twenty-five cents is the mark at which many farmers have decided to let go, and all who can will hold their crop for that price.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on the Noisier Drug and Supply Co. or N. L. Krone and get a bottle of Peley's Honey and Tar which always gives relief.

The LaPearl show is to have permanent winter quarters at Danville. Land will be purchased near Tilton and the buildings erected there. There is a 30-acre tract adjoining the Big Four and Wabash tracks under consideration. The entire cost of the land and buildings will be over \$1000. Last September the LaPearl show brought into Danville 100 people.

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious method of "breaking coals" compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Last Sunday the Rev. Mr. Long distributed announcements of the day services at the Congregational church in Lacon, printed on the spot side of playing cards, and the affair created a sensation.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where the liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or left ear De Witt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gizzards." A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Abraham Hoopes, who lived nearly 80 years near Odell, was buried last week. He was 73 years of age.

## EXECUTRIX' NOTICE.

Estate of James T. Winslow, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of James T. Winslow, late of the county of Monon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Monon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 15th day of December, 1896.

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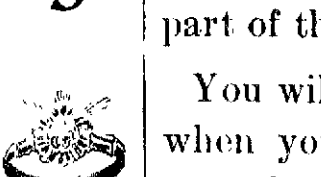
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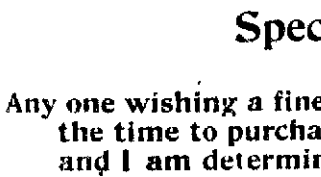
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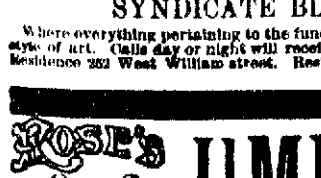
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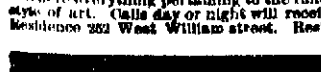
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### POISONS IN EVERY FOOD.

Inhabited in Quantity, But Virtually If Concentrated.

One of the curious and little-known facts brought to light by recent investigations is that in almost every kind of food some small amount of poison is to be found. Often the quantity is so small that chemical analysis does not reveal it, and it is only discovered by certain effects upon the human system under certain conditions. Small as these quantities of poison are, however, in comparison with the other constituents of any one food, they do exist, and are poisons of a deadly sort. Concentrated, the amount of poison that is taken into the system during an average lifetime would be sufficient to kill an army instantly. Yet the extremely minute fragments absorbed during each meal not only do not harm, but seem almost health-giving. At least, it is certain that many of the most dangerous and destructive substances known exist in tangible quantities in some of the most valued foods.

Foods that contain the worst poisons in these tiny quantities may be eaten constantly without any unfortunate results. There is no more popular and widely used food than the potato. In Ireland, in certain districts, little else is eaten, and the peasants thrive wonderfully on them. Yet the potato belongs to the same botanical class as the deadly nightshade, and has in it the same poisonous element.

Many other vegetables have the same curious quality. In nearly every vegetable and fruit that grows above the ground, except the cabbage class, what are known as vegetable acids exist. There is a different one in each vegetable and variety of fruit, and all are deadly poisons. Nevertheless, it would be impossible to get a sufficient quantity into the stomach at a single meal to do even the slightest injury, and the gastric juice absorbs and renders harmless these poisons unfeelingly.

Tapioca is another food substance that contains poison. This has long been known. The fact was again called to the attention of scientists by Henry M. Stanley, who carried in his kit on one of his journeys in the "Dark Continent" a large quantity of tapioca, and had the opportunity to detect the danger in its use when not properly prepared. Under proper conditions tapioca is not harmful, but poison is present in it in such a large quantity that many precautions should be taken.

Even beer has its portion of poison, a substance known as picro-toxin. Lemon juice contains a virulent and dangerous element—citric acid—and in many of the lemon drops and bottles of lemon juice commercially prepared this substance is made up in the laboratory and mixed with a discoloring of the way nature does it. The natural juice of the lemon is not in the least poisonous, even taken in large quantities, but lemon juice chemically made, as it frequently is for the trade, needs to be looked warily at.

Bitter almonds have poison in them to such a perceptible extent that actual cases of poisoning are on record. Strawberries and rhubarb contain oxalic acid. This, as almost everybody knows, is one of the most deadly and rapid poisons, when used in any appreciable quantity. Certain people are affected quickly by even a few strawberries. Lobsters, shellfish and crabs possess an irritant poison which produces nausea, vomiting and general depression, in addition to skin eruptions. In ice cream is sometimes to be found tyrotoxin, and clam chowder, made under the best conditions, often has promides of a virulent and dangerous sort.

Cases have gone on record in France of diseases caused by the eating of rye bread. In these instances the grain became musty on the stalk, and was made into flour without its mustiness having been noticed. From this mustiness, which is not at all perceptible in the bread, the powerful poison ergot arises, causing eventually, if sufficient of this bread is taken into the system, paralysis of the extremities. — N. Y. Tribune.

### WONDERFUL NEW LIGHT.

The French Admiralty Attaches Great Importance to It.

Quite recently there has been brought out by the French navy a mysterious device known as "la ratiere," or the "rat trap light." It is a thing of small dimensions and is placed on the deck of the vessel. It throws out an electric light that can only be discovered dead ahead. La ratiere is constructed as follows: A square box has within it at one end a concave mirror, in front of which is adjusted an arc light. The light is focused upon a piano-convex lens placed midway of the length of the box, so that the rays of light are projected through a silvered tube as a bundle of parallel rays.

By the sides of the outer end of the silvered tube are placed two prisms, one of red and the other of green glass, through which a portion of the light passes in divergent rays. At a distance of several miles the light of a ratiere appears as a small point, and consequently difficult of detection to those not knowing the quarter in which to look for it. Its detection is thus reduced to a minimum, as it can be seen only within a radius of a few feet at such distance.

The use of the red and green rays is for the purpose of enabling the vessel for whom the signal is intended to know in which direction to steer so as to come within the zone of white light should the white ray disappear. By means of this invention night signals can be made when flashlights and rockets might be useless or liable to betray the position of the fleet to the enemy. It can also be used as a guide to a squadron in line, with all other lights out, in dangerous latitudes, as it cannot be seen either to the right or left, but only dead ahead or dead astern. The French admiralty attaches great importance to this light and has taken extraordinary precautions to guard it against discovery. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### CONVICTS CAN DOFF STRIPES.

Those Who Behave Properly Will Be Allowed to Dress in Business Garb.

The most original experiment in prison reform which has yet been tried has recently been put into effect at Ohio's penitentiary at Columbus. A startling, almost startling change in the conventional prison stripes of the convict has been made. This, the first announcement of this startling departure, will doubtless excite wide attention and comment.

It is, in brief, regulating the clothing of the convict by his conduct. Under the system now in vogue in all prisons every convict wears the same uniform. The prisoner whose instincts are vile, whose ideas are thoroughly steeped in crime, is the same, in the appearance that clothing gives, as the man whose instincts are of high grade, but who, through weakness, has violated the laws.

Penologists have long held that the intelligent convict could be more thoroughly reformed by mental processes, or methods akin thereto, than by the physical penalties that prison rules have caused all offenders to suffer. This is exactly the idea from which Warden E. G. Coffin, of the Ohio penitentiary, conceived his plan of helping the prisoners to reform by grading their clothing. There are to be three grades, one hardly different from the ordinary suit of the civilian, while the other two bear in a greater degree the mark of the prison.

The first grade of clothing is of plain gray cloth, with nothing to indicate that it is anything else than a citizen's suit. The second grade will consist of gray and white checked goods, and the third grade will be that of the present regular stripes, as now worn by all.

A prisoner upon entering the prison will be placed in the second grade, and after the expiration of six months, without being reported for any infraction of the rules, will be entitled to be placed in the first grade. Every prisoner in the Ohio penitentiary who is not reported for the violation of a prison rule until January 1 will be permitted to wear the first grade uniform as soon as it is possible to procure it. The prisoner who during the time mentioned is reported for one infraction of the rules will be eligible for the first grade in ten days thereafter. The prisoner who has two reports against him January 1 will not be eligible for the first grade for 20 days. If a prisoner has three or more reports against him he will not be placed in the first grade until three continuous months have passed without an unfavorable report regarding him.

Warden Coffin, in talking to the writer, said: "I am fully satisfied that all good citizens will heartily approve the step I have taken. I do not believe that it is right and just that a man who has so conducted himself as to maintain an unblemished reputation for years should be classed, clothed and marched with one who is daily committing infractions against the rules of the prison. It holds out no inducement to the worthy prisoner to continue his efforts in well doing. There should be some mark of distinction to separate the good from the bad. It seems to me the graded uniform is the best method of accomplishing this purpose."

The Ohio penitentiary has long been known by the fact that the inmates thereof are treated with more humanity than in almost any other state prison. The policy that has actuated the authorities has been that men are much more inclined to renounce an evil life and to become good citizens if the attitude of the officials toward them is that which human beings might naturally expect. — N. Y. Herald.

### A DANGEROUS DRUG.

Great Increase in the Cocaine Habit in Many Parts of the South.

A very intelligent and thoroughly posted and read druggist was speaking to a reporter the other day on the subject of the abuses of cocaine in this city. He is in a position to know exactly whereof he speaks, and his observations are interesting.

"It is perfectly amazing," said he, "the proportions to which the cocaine trade has grown in this city, and it is still more remarkable to hear, with the exception of a few old-fashioned women, its use is confined almost exclusively to the colored folk. The average druggist or physician can tell the cocaine fiend on sight, even when he indulges in the vice in its truest form. There is the wild expression of the eye, the muscular jerks of the limbs and other portions of the body, an exuberant tendency to be always moving, always on the go, and, in fact, a general high tension of the nervous system such that it might be expected the next moment would result in a general physical collapse."

"How on earth these ignorant people ever learned of the effects of this powerful and dangerous drug I am at a loss to say, but I know it is a fact that some drug stores in this city sell enormous quantities of the stuff to the darkest in five-cent packages. The demand for it is so great that they keep the stuff in little papers which they retail at five cents, and it is quite frequently the case that the darky doesn't even open his mouth to say what he wants, the trade is so well established. He simply goes into the drug store, throws down his nickel on the counter, and is given a cocaine package without his ever opening his mouth—just as he would slouch into a beer joint and get a glass of beer." — N. O. Picayune.

### The One Woman in the World.

"If my wife comes in here tell her to wait for me, please," said Jones, rushing into the big dry goods store of Smith & Co.

"Yes, but how am I to know who your wife is?" asked the surprised clerk.

"Ah, to be sure," was the reply. "Well, then, don't say anything to her at all. Just detain her till I return," and he rushed out, while the clerk looked longingly at a pile-driver across the street. — St. Paul Dispatch.

# BEE HIVE.

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Fine Potatoes, per bushel.....	24c
1 peck Onions.....	18c
2 dozen Pickles.....	5c
1 good Broom.....	9c
10 pounds Best Beans.....	24c
1 pound Best Country Butter.....	15c
4 pounds Best Pure Lard.....	25c
3-pound can Table Peaches.....	12c
3-pound can Table Pears.....	12c
3-pound can Green Gauge Plums.....	12c
3-pound can Apricots.....	12c
2-pound can Sweet Corn.....	6c
2-pound can Stringless Beans.....	5c
2-pound can Early June Peas.....	7c
2-pound can Red Kidney Beans.....	6c
10c package Corn Starch.....	5c
10c Can Lye.....	5c
1 pound Broken Java Coffee.....	14c
1 pound good Java Coffee.....	18c
1 pound Good Large Prunes.....	7c
15-pound Pail any kind Jelly.....	45c
5 Pound Pail Jelly.....	19c
2-gallon Pail Table Syrup.....	85c
1 quart Table Syrup.....	25c
1 gallon Cooking Molasses.....	25c
1 peck Walnuts.....	12c
Fresh Pork Steak, per lb.....	7c
Fresh Pork Sausage, per lb.....	6c
1 pound Mixed Table Nuts.....	10c
2-pound cake Limberger Cheese.....	30c
Brick Cheese, per lb.....	13c
1 pound Mixed Christmas Candy.....	7c

TELEPHONE 194.

## Startling Cloak Announcement!

We cannot impress upon you too forcibly the importance of visiting our Cloak Department. These goods must be seen to be appreciated. Do not buy until you see what a TREMENDOUS CUT we have made on Cloaks.

WE CAN SAVE YOU FROM

**\$2 to \$10 ON EVERY GARMENT.**

This is the greatest offer ever made and you will be wise to take advantage of this opportunity to buy Cloaks at almost half of our already low marked prices. We quote a few of the many bargains offered:

A handsome green Kersey Jacket, made in latest style, was a great bargain at \$12, but we close them out at.....	\$ 7.50
The best selling black all wool Kersey Jacket of the season, strapped front trimmed with buttons. Was \$12.50, now.....	8.00
Blue Boucle Jacket lined throughout with silk; a nice \$12.00 Coat. While they last.....	6.50
Ladies' Black Cheviot Jacket in good quality with new style sleeves and collar. Well made. Was \$7.50, now.....	4.75
Ladies' Kersey Cloth Double Capes, full sweep, nicely trimmed with braid and fur. Was \$6.00, now.....	4.50
Ladies' Fine Double Kersey Cape, extra length, a bargain at \$12.00, now.....	8.50
Five Beaver and Kersey Coats that sold for \$20, must go at.....	12.00

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**ELEGANT  
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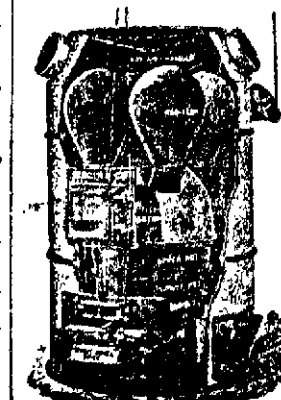
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And then Come and Examine Mine, for my stock embraces six different styles, all absolutely first-class and thoroughly guaranteed, and the only Self-cleaning Soft Coal Furnace in this market.

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## OUR ...WATCHES...

Are Reliable, Faithful and True, and of Unblemished Reputation. Cased in the most artistic styles and of the best materials.

Prices to Suit.  
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We have them to suit any reasonable taste and purse, and you know the quality and price is right.

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FLOUR AT LOWEST PRICES.  
The Best Dried Fruits,  
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Soaps and Miscellaneous Groceries at Starvation Prices.  
FRESH EGGS, BUTTER, ETC., ALWAYS ON HAND.  
Prices to Suit the Times.  
Give Us a Trial Order.  
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Ladies and Gentlemen—You can save money on your clothes by taking them to  
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### PATRIOTISM AND THE FLAG.

Danger That the Flag May Become  
Merely a Fetish.

Much has been said within recent years about the teaching of patriotism in the public schools of the United States. To the end that it might be encouraged, many of the schools have been provided with flags, and in a considerable number formal exercises take place from time to time, when the flag is paraded, saluted and the pupils pledge allegiance to it. The sight is always impressive and gratifying.

Yet it may properly be asked whether there is not some danger lest the enthusiasm thus aroused expend itself upon the sign rather than upon the thing signified; that is to say, whether our patriotic endeavors may not, unless wisely directed, produce a sentimental attachment to an emblem instead of creating a type of civic life whereby the emblem is genuinely glorified. It is of the highest importance that our children and youth should be taught that the nation expects them to devote property and life, if need be, to her defense, and that they must regard the integrity of the state as their peculiar care. But the possible danger which lurks in teaching patriotism primarily by means of this beautiful symbol is that it encourages the pupil to look for an international rather than a domestic field wherein to display his devotion. When a Spanish mob, incensed by what it considers bitter provocation, tears the stars and stripes in pieces, or an Irish poet sings of "bastard freedom" and a "tustian flag," he is duly roused. The flag seems to him to have been immediately and grossly insulted, and he resents the insult; but so long as it waves undisturbed by any hostile hand or mocking word he is tempted to feel that it is safe, even though corruption, greed and partisanship bear sway under its very shadow. He is so convinced that where the sign is deliberately dishonored the thing signified must be insulted as to take for granted the wholly different proposition that so long as the flag is outwardly respected the state must be secure.

Under scarce any form of government can this fallacy produce more lamentable results than in a great republic. It was long since wisely observed that "the danger to a small republic comes from without; to a great republic it comes from within." Indeed, anyone who reads the "Knights" of Aristophanes must be struck with the cogent application of its sarcasm to latter-day politics. Mutatis mutandis, Cleon and the Sausage seller are with us still, striving as best they may to outbid each other in the favor of Demos—making small account, to be sure, of what Demos really needs but fertile in devices for pleasing his ear, tickling his palate, fostering his self-love and befogging his judgment. Now, as then, too, each is prodigal of protestations that he and he alone is truly loyal to the good name of his master, and that if Demos will but put the household quite unreservedly into his keeping he will give especial attention to its social dignity and influence among the neighbors. One remembers the eulogy upon Col. Vell, of Yellville: "That, though it was true his books did not balance, none could doubt that his heart beat warmly for his native land." It serves to remind us that the deeper a man's hands go into the public pocket the loader may become his vociferations of devotion to the flag, and the deeper his indignation against any who may insult it. Nothing, indeed, can suit his purposes better than to foster a worship of the sign so blind and fatuous as to brand as unpatriotic all inquiry into the reality signified.

It is a matter of common experience that the higher the moral quality of any emotion, sentiment or theory of life the more dangerous the husk of it is likely to prove when emptied of ethical content. There is a distinct tendency in some quarters to-day to treat everything as glorious which the flag can be made to cover and to denounce as unpatriotic all critical inquiry into the real ethical conditions of national life. The mass of Americans have yet to realize that patriotism is less an impulse than a duty, and that the man who makes most searching inquiry into the failings and possible inequities that mar our public life, pleading for simple, unambiguous public speech and the sternest and most uncompromising integrity in public act, may prove to be a truer patriot than he whose love of country never goes beyond the flag, which he bespatters with tawdry adjectives and degrades by meaninglessly flouting it in the face of sister nations.—Century.

### Riding Down an Eagle.

If you wanted a live eagle how would you try to catch it? In Turkestan, according to the author of "The Heart of a Continent," the natives ride eagles down on horseback! We had seen two eagles on the ground in the distance, and as soon as the kirghiz caught sight of them he set off wildly in pursuit. They rose, of course, on seeing him, but he went galloping down the valley after one of them till gradually it sank to the ground. It was, in fact, gorged with the flesh of the carcass it had been feeding on, and could no longer fly. The kirghiz dismounted, seized the bird, bound his waist-cloth round and round the body and wings till he had made it up into a neat parcel, and then tucked it under his arm, mounted and rode back to me. He said that, if it turned out to be a good one for hawking, he might get 200 rupees for it.—Youth's Companion.

### An Everyday Joke.

Woman (who has been turning over shawls for half an hour)—Well, I don't care to buy to-day. I'm just looking for a friend.

Clerk (politely)—Don't think you'll find your friend among the shawls. We've looked them all through.—N. Y. Tribune.

—When a woman has a bean younger than she is, she becomes him unmercifully.

Rev. Hatfield closed services here and began meeting at Prairie Hall Sunday night.

It was voted Sunday to hold the Christmas exercises Wednesday eve before Christmas on account of several who assist going away Thursday.

W. I. Lundy of Boody spent Wednesday night of last week with Dr. Patterson of this place.

Oren Willard of Decatur visited this week with the family of J. E. Underwood.

John Prather and family spent Sunday with relatives near Lintner, Piatt county.

I. S. Underwood moved from his farm near Long Creek to Decatur last week. He and N. M. Jacobs are running a feed store.

County Clerk J. M. Dodd and son, Earle, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Patterson.

John Williams entertained company from Lovington Monday.

James D'Spaul has moved to a farm which he rented in the Mississippi bottoms, near St. Louis. Ben Hopkins will move to the place lately vacated by James D'Spaul, probably moving this week.

Newt Lambert is employed by Dr. Patterson as first assistant. Newt is a regular genius and can detect, exactly, medicine by its scent, as he has been known to do.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by all Druggists. 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Pekin Cor. Peoria Journal:—Some person while at one of the churches in this city Sunday evening, in place of taking a nickel or quarter from his pocket, placed a cent saloon check in the collection box. It is nothing unusual to find plugged nickels, dimes and quarters in the church basket collections.

### For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month, with good results." Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

Henry Simpson died in Clinton last Friday aged 74. He located on his homestead, one mile southeast of Clinton, in September, 1853. He was born in Trenton, N. J. He purchased 160 acres of land in section two in Creek township, and in 1861 bought his late home, which he has improved to a high state of cultivation and ornamentation.

Soothing and not irritating, strengthening and not weakening, small but effective—such are the qualities of Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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**SPECIAL PRICES FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**  
Lowrey's Chocolate Bon Bons, 50c lb. box  
Chocolate and Cream Bon Bons, 35c lb. box  
As good as sold elsewhere at 40c and 50c.  
Cream Mixed with Crist Fruits, 25c lb. box  
Best value in the city.  
Assorted Cream Bon Bons, 15c lb  
And the largest assortment of the Mixed in the city.  
Gum Drops, 5c lb  
New Nuts, Figs and Dates.  
Nut Meats of All Kinds.  
NEW MIXED NUTS, 10c POUND.  
Bought and mixed by myself this season.  
Christmas Tree Ornaments, Candles, Cakes and Novelties in fancy boxes.

**HALF PRICE SALE FOR ONE WEEK AT LEONARD'S NEW DEPARTMENT STORE.**  
100 dozen Ladies' and Gents' extra heavy fleeced Underwear, must go at 88c pair.  
Extra Heavy Blankets go at 48c a pair.  
Men's Suits and Children's Suits go at 48c a suit.  
Great Reduction in Shoes and Groceries.  
Fresh meats lower than anybody, at Leonard's New Department Store....  
333 North Water Street.  
New Telephone 248.

## X-mas Novelties...

IN—  
Ties,  
Shirts,  
Collars,  
Cuffs,  
Hats,  
Caps,  
Umbrellas,

And a full line of the other articles which appertain in making complete a Gents' Furnishing Goods stock.

**Cheap Charley,**  
The Reliable Clothier.

**ABEL CARPET WALL PAPER CO.**  
Are In the Lead.

Go and see what sacrifices they are making on CARPETS, OIL CLOTH, MATTINGS, LINOLEUMS, WALL PAPER AND WINDOW SHADES.

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STRINGS  
FOR ALL INSTRUMENTS.

**REDUCED PRICES**  
ON ANY OF THE ABOVE  
The Next Thirty Days.

### TEACHING BY PHONOGRAPH.

A Curious and Clever Scheme of a New York Professor of Languages.

Many novel projects have been devised in the way of language teaching, but never until lately has a phonograph been made part of the outfit of the linguistic professors. It is almost at first to see how this instrument can help along teaching of a new language, but thereon hangs the tale. The first man who has adapted the phonograph to this profession is R. D. Cortina, and he has been so successful that already he has sent out over 500 machines, loaded with his instruction and primed with his voice.

And the phonograph was applied to languages it was necessary for any student to study a foreign tongue at literally at the feet of the master and learn the pronunciation and then repeat over and over a language partially learned in that way, but the voice of the teacher had to be heard. The idea came several years ago to Mr. Cortina that through the phonograph he could practically duplicate himself in every corner of the civilized world.

His method is simple. With each phonograph there is sent his textbook, a book of cylinders and 20 blank ones. Each lesson in the book is arranged in the form of questions, and answers, the pupil, ready to begin, puts the cylinder of the first lesson in the machine, she takes in his ears and starts to phonograph.

Keeping his eye on the book he hears the words and phrases repeated, with proper accent, just as if the professor stood at his side. There is an additional advantage that the lesson can be repeated 20 or 100 times, if need be, until every sound is familiar to the pupil.

After having thoroughly learned the sentences, he puts one of the blank cylinders in the machine and repeats the lesson. In a little paper by the cylinder goes back to New York and at his earliest opportunity Mr. Cortina pops it into his own machine.

At his side is the stenographer. As he steps to the lesson repeated he now stopping the phonograph, he catches it going again, he dictates the lesson, where the pronunciation is wrong, what is right, what the mistakes are and where they have been made.

The letter and the cylinder go back to the pupil, who reads and listens to his own voice reproduced. Then, taking up the original cylinder once more, he is able to tell just where the difference is.

N. Y. Herald.

### Condensed Testimony.

Charles B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, writes that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. Brown, proprietor St. James Hotel, Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by a gripper, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail as a cough remedy. Mrs. H. E. Long, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, says she keeps it on hand and has no fear of a cough, because it instantly relieves it. Write for free copy.

Scoutmaster B. B. Wirth, brick contractor on the Springfield high school, defies local union and will import bricklayers. David Gerber, of Normal, will start shoe store in Minonk with a \$10,000 stock, the largest and best in Woodford county.

For Homicide. Ben Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., said he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. He used very largely by speakers a singer. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

Mrs. Thomas Lehey, wife of a young farmer in Charlotte township, near Chicago, was thrown from a wagon by runaway team and killed.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. They may be averted by promptly using Dr. King's New Discovery. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Abraham Hoopes, who lived nearly 90 years near Odell, was buried last week. He was 78 years of age.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, sea burns, are quickly cured by Doan's Ointment. It is at present the most used for piles, and it always cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Adolph Becker, of Sunbury, Livingston county, has sold his farm of 180 acres to William Wheatland of LaSalle.

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It is no failure in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant and it helps them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Roger Beckmann, of Nevada township, Livingston county, was held up and robbed of \$6.

To cure old sores, to heal an itchy ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, need simply apply Doan's Ointment. It is at present the most used for piles, and it always cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Frank Baker's home in Peoria damaged \$1000 by fire.

The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. He had used it for colds before. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

For Kidney Troubles. There is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries will agree to this. Neisler Drug Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.







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Largest Light in the Market

It's screw and plunge lift for regulating the wick, together with its lift attachment for lighting without reaching the chimney, will win it immortality. It has no dirt pocket, therefore no bad smell. SEE CUT.

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This the time of year to buy, while you can get sizes and widths.

**Christmas Stock.**

**Dongola Slippers** **Ox Blood Slippers**

**BIG VELVET SLIPPERS.**

**F. H. COLE SHOE CO.**

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## Jackets And Capes

SPECIAL VALUES THIS WEEK.

Jackets at \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50.  
Capes at \$3.75, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50.  
Children's Jackets, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00.

**Fur Repairing.** We reline and repair Seal Coats and Capes and Muffs of all kinds. We make over Fur Capes into late style Ripple Capes.

Blankets at... 75c, \$1.00, 1.50, 2.50, 3.00, 5.00 pair  
Comforts at... \$1.00, 1.50, 1.75 each  
Ready Made Dress Skirts at \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.00. All Velveteen bound.

Special Values in Hankerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Silk and Wool Mittens and Feather Boas This Week.

## Chas. T. Johnston,

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### YOU CAN'T EXPECT

Good results from poor medicines; all adulterations are harmful. Use the best. Everything in the Drug line and of the best at

**KING'S DRUG STORE,**  
Cor. Main and Water Sts.

### SOCIETY MEETINGS.

**CLUB OF HONOR** Regular meeting of Deatur District Court No. 10, this evening at 7:30 o'clock in G. A. R. hall. Motion of officers for the evening year. L. H. Clark, worthy Chancellor. J. M. B. P. Recorder.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS**—Regular meeting of Court de Leon Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., on Thursday evening, Dec. 17, at 7:30 o'clock in the old (Columbian Club) rooms in Opera House block. Full attendance requested. Visiting Knights invited to work in the ranks of Page and Esquire. MAX ATLAS, C. C. F. W. WYVER, K. of R. and S.

### LOCAL NEWS.

**Gunther's Candy at Bell's Drug Store, Deatur, Tailor, 117 North Water St.**

You pay a little more for Sleeth a portrait but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook

Fine holiday packages of perfumes at West's drug store.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtf

The largest line of fancy Bottled Perfumery at Bell's Drug Store.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Mob 25-dtf

Holiday perfume packages, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1 each at West's drug store

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Weigand. Mob 25-dtf

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant—Oct 31-dtf

The best Christmas present is one of those fine perfume packages at West's drug store

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New upright pianos \$225, \$250, \$375 and \$500. A good upright piano, slightly used, for \$185 on payments. Call and select for Christmas. Prescott music house—dec 7 dtf

Albert Stewart died at his home in Belmont of quick consumption, aged 39. He leaves a mother and three sisters at Belmont a sister at Monticello, and two sisters, Mrs. I. W. Layman and Mrs. E. B. Malterre in Deatur. Had he lived until Christmas he would have married Miss Laura Jess of Belmont

Marshal Mason yesterday gave two young men of good address an hour to get out of town and they left. They had been arrested Tuesday night and were let out of jail in the morning. Both had been around town several days visiting residences during the day and carousing at night at a cost. They were regarded as smooth crooks by the police, and away they went under threat of being prosecuted as vagrants if they were seen on the streets within an hour

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**K. P. Meeting To-Night.**  
Tonight the regular meeting of Court de Leon Lodge No. 17 will be held at Knights of Pythias hall when the ranks of Page and Esquire will be conferred.

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### WEDDING CELEBRATION.

**Anniversary Dinner and Reception at the Home of Hon. W. S. Smith.**

A notable social event was very pleasantly celebrated yesterday at Mt. Zion. It was the observance of the fifteenth marriage anniversary of Hon. and Mrs. Wash S. Smith, in which a large number of relatives and neighbors and Deatur friends participated. The splendid home of the couple, handsomely furnished throughout, and occupied by the family a month ago, was well filled, and all the guests were cordially received and hospitably entertained. Mr. Smith and Gertrude R. Uery were married by the late Elder John W. Tyler, December 16, 1881, and have since made their home in Mt. Zion, except the period when they resided on West William street in Deatur, while Mr. Smith was a member of the legislature.

The company partook of a superb dinner provided under the personal supervision of Mrs. Smith, and the afternoon was spent at cards and in pleasant conversation. The guests presented the couple with tokens of good will in the form of a gold and with onyx top, out glass and other mementoes

The relatives and neighbors present were Eli Uery, the father of Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Smith, Mr. Smith's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Henry, Mrs. A. M. Conn, O. L. Conn, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Uery, David Blalock, Mrs. Harry Ritter, Wendon Smith and Miss Maria Smith, all of Mt. Zion and vicinity; Mrs. Stephen Mahannah, Miss Pat Buckingham, Miss Bertha Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Gorlin, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Quinlan, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Hamscher, all of Deatur, and Miss Luella Jenkins of Chicago

There were four people present whose ages aggregated 340 years—David Blalock 76, B. M. Smith 81, Mrs. B. M. Smith 73, and Eli Uery 79, and all were in good health and enjoyed the occasion as much as the younger guests.

In all respects the celebration was a most enjoyable affair and will long be pleasantly remembered.

### HELP THE NEEDY.

**To the Charitable and Generous Ladies of the City.**

The ladies of the city charity board would ask for generous and free contributions that we may to a certain extent relieve the suffering and hunger of the poor and add a ray of sunshine to their Christmas tide. We will gladly receive old clothing, floor, mats, fruits of any kind, also books or papers or toys that you may feel disposed to give them. Please remember all the ladies give their time most cheerfully without pay or hope of reward to the noble work of relieving the sufferings and want of the unfortunate poor. For the convenience of the public in two different wards the following ladies will on Friday, Dec. 18, receive anything you may desire to give. First ward, Mrs. M. F. Metz, 129 North Jackson street and Mrs. Dimock, 1011 North Water street. Second ward, Mrs. Wm. Martin, 179 West Cora Girde street. Third ward, Miss Mattos, 510 South Sigel street. Fourth ward, Mrs. W. P. Shade, 300 East Wood street. Fifth ward, Mrs. Brinkman, 1151 East North street. Sixth ward, Mrs. Bachmann, 1050 North Broadway. Seventh ward, Mrs. N. W. Woodford, 1406 North Edward and Miss Komper, 1138 North College street

We desire that the children of the public schools assist us if it is only one penny each as that will help buy shoes, stockings, etc., as well as eatables. We hope to have a hearty response to this request and all can rest assured that their gifts will in every case be worthily bestowed. Respectfully, Mrs. M. F. Metz, president charity board.

### REV. MR. MILLER'S SUCCESSOR.

Rev. H. C. Gibbs goes to Grace Church, Bloomington, from Marshall.

It was learned today that Rev. H. C. Gibbs, who has been in charge of the Methodist church at Marshall in Clark county, has been selected to occupy the pulpit of Grace M. E. church at Bloomington, made vacant in November by the tragic death of Rev. James Miller. Rev. Mr. Gibbs was pastor of the Harrison church some years ago. He was once a professor in a college, and is known to be an able preacher and a popular pastor, a minister who will be entirely acceptable to the members of the Bloomington church.

The successor of Rev. Mr. Gibbs at the Marshall church is Rev. H. L. Murray, of Greenup, who was formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Mayo.

**Mother Aggravated.**

Justice Predecord had a suit before him yesterday that was what he termed a "mean" one to decide—and which he did decide rather against his sympathies. It was a suit between mother and son. Mrs. Sarah C. Jones versus Samuel C. Jones. Mrs. Jones some time back loaned her son \$65 and she sued him to recover it. He brought in an offset of \$61 for supporting his mother, who is nearly 70 years of age. The justice allowed \$64 of this offset, thus giving the mother a judgment for \$1 and putting the costs of the case on the son

John Lee the young man who robbed Wilson & Rawler's saloon of about \$10 in money several months ago and was caught Saturday night soon after returning to the city from St. Louis, was before Justice Hardy yesterday and a hearing of his case was set for Dec. 23.

### Commander in Town.

Hon. W. G. Cochran, of Sullivan, department commander Illinois G. A. R., was at the St. Nicholas today on his way to Peoria and Elgin. He was at Champaign last night. Mr. Cochran is a leader in the race for election as speaker of the next Illinois legislature. He has strong support

### Building Changed.

Dr. W. J. Chenoweth is making some changes in his building at the corner of North Main and William streets. The stairway is being remodeled and the room which is now occupied by Sleeth, the photographer, who will go into the new Powers building will be fitted for offices for Drs. Chenoweth and Jones

### Second Rehearsal.

The second rehearsal of the dedicating team held at Knights of Pythias hall last night was highly successful, showing rapid progress. George Shado played marches on the piano for the team, and Herman Martin sounded the bugle notes. Another rehearsal next Wednesday evening. Tuesday night the members of the Uniform Rank will meet to drill for exact duty on dedication night.

### A One Legged Fraud.

Recently a stranger with only one leg, but a captivating talker, representing himself to be a canvasser for the Ladies' Home Journal, has been victimizing a number of ladies in the west end of the city. He collected a dollar from each lady, how many it is not known, promising to have the Journal sent to them for a year. One lady got tired waiting and she wrote to the Home office. She has received a letter from the publishers stating that the cripple is a fraud, and that they have been trying to locate him in order that his arrest may be effected. It is supposed the fellow has left the city

### Dockson Was Crazy.

A few days ago Edward Dockson, aged 38 years, formerly a decorative painter in Deatur, died in an asylum at Nevada, Mo. The deceased was the son of Mrs. Ella Delaney, of 904 South Seventh street, Springfield. He left Springfield about ten years ago, having resided there with his wife up to that time. About a year ago he received a fall while at work in a church in Nevada, Mo., and his head was injured as a result of it. He neglected taking care of it and about four months ago he was adjudged insane on account of the fall. He leaves to mourn his death a daughter, Miss Mabel Dockson, aged 14 years, his mother, Mrs. Delaney, four brothers and two sisters.

### The Famous Picture, "Christ Before Pilate."

This magnificent painting is everywhere recognized by critics, the press and the public generally, as the climax of realistic art. The picture can be enjoyed for hours, and one is loath to leave the room, where like in a reverie of strange delight, the visitor becomes almost spell-bound in the presence of this masterpiece. The many visitors who viewed the beautiful picture last evening, pronounced it the grandest and finest work of art ever placed on exhibition in our city. Receptions are held daily from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., at 331 North Water street. The admission is only a dime.

### The Royal League.

At the annual meeting of the Royal League the following officers were elected for the year 1897:

Archon—D. W. Hoffman  
Vice Archon—H. C. Starr  
Orator—F. K. Lathrop  
Scribe—A. C. Race  
Collector—E. W. Armstrong  
Proctor—J. N. Martin  
Warden—G. F. Tucker  
Sentry—J. F. Davis  
Treasurer—C. A. Walt  
Guide—W. H. Penhalkgon  
Trustees—H. A. Wood, J. S. Starr and L. A. Mills

Representatives to Advisory Council at Chicago—L. A. Mills.  
Alternate—D. W. Hoffman.

### THE HORN TOTERS ALL RIGHT.

Return of George DeWitt from the Buckeye State—Lots of Photos.

George DeWitt, who a few days ago left for the east to look after the affairs of the big horn toters on their way to Canton, Ohio, arrived home this morning. He reports that the boys are all right and are making rapid progress with the big horn. There has been no trouble whatever except in the matter of getting enough photographs to supply the demand. While at Indianapolis, Ind., Mr. DeWitt had some half tone cuts made, and he had 3000 pictures printed and forwarded to the party. He also sent the cuts to the men, and now they get as many pictures as they want on short notice wherever they can find a printing office.

Mr. DeWitt says the horn will certainly be delivered at Canton on New Year's day and he has assurances that Major McKinley will be at home to receive it

### Lamps.

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### METHODIST DINNER.

The Ladies of the First M. E. Church in Deatur entertained a Large Number of Persons To-Day

The members of the Ladies' Business and Social Union of the First Methodist church gave their annual dinner to-day in the Sunday school room of the church. At noon they served lunch to a large number of persons and right then will serve supper. In addition they had candy and fancy work on sale. The dinner was an excellent one and the Methodist ladies kept good the reputation they have as being splendid caterers

Mrs. John Mark, the president of the society, had general supervision of the entertainment. The ladies in charge in the kitchen were Mrs. John Mark, Mrs. Luther Martin, Mrs. Paul M. Jane Gher. The provisions were in charge of Mrs. David Park. Mrs. John A. Swearingen, Mrs. Sam Young, Mrs. J. B. Stullard, assisted by Miss N. A. Stullard, Miss Grace Radcliffe, Miss Bessie Young and Miss Lillian Scott. The apron table was in charge of Miss Martin, Mrs. Ernest Miller and Mrs. Miller. Candy was sold by Mrs. Herbert and Mrs. Louise Mark

The dinner tables were in charge of the following ladies:

First table—Mrs. Frank Wood and Mrs. T. G. Martin, assisted by Miss Miller and Mrs. Radcliffe.

Second table—Mrs. W. C. Armstrong and Mrs. W. W. Mason assisted by Miss Alice Boldt, Miss Jane Roby and Miss Lillian Scott.

Third table—Mrs. B. H. Roby, Mrs. H. C. Conklin, Mrs. Samuel Whitel and Miss Clara Elbert.

Fourth table—Mrs. I. M. Robinson and Mrs. Ewing, assisted by Miss C. Crumley, Miss Imboden, Miss Penwell and Miss Towl.

Fifth table—Mrs. N. K. Adams, Mrs. J. H. Hall and Mrs. George Bright, assisted by Miss Ella Lichtenberger and Miss Lizzie Whitehurst.

Sixth table—Mrs. E. B. Randall and Mrs. S. M. Lutz, assisted by Miss Pauline Johnson.

Seventh table—Mrs. S. M. Irwin and Mrs. J. H. Kirkland, assisted by Mrs. Trainer, Miss Maine Simpson, Mrs. LaRok, Miss Laura Smith, Miss Elva Mark, Miss Davis, Miss Fleming and Miss Agastice.

Eighth table—Mrs. John A. Bruce, Mrs. Sears and Miss C. A. Murphy.

Ninth table—Mrs. R. K. Hamscher, Mrs. Harley Marks, Mrs. John Armstrong, assisted by Miss Marie White, Miss Grace Hamscher, Miss L. M. M. and Miss Robinson.

Mrs. J. H. Glone, who is one of the popular contributors to table supplies at the Woman's Exchange in Library H. K. furnished fifty loaves of her most excellent bread for the dinner. Mrs. Glone finished the dinner at the dinner average

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### MARRIED 25 YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown Entertained Large Company Randomly at Their Home

The comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown at 816 West Second street was brilliantly illuminated and fully decorated last night, in celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of the couple, and the gathering of a large company of neighbors and friends in honor of the notable event. About 100 invitations had been extended and nearly all were accepted. It was a very happy evening for everybody. Mr. and Mrs. Brown proved themselves capital entertainers. Refreshments in abundance were served party fashion and the spread was general praise. Many appropriate gifts were bestowed. The Grand Army Post of which Mr. Brown is a member, gave a fine easy chair, and the Woman's Relief Corps presented a very handsome silver tea set. The Marchessaux & Sons company, where Mr. Brown is employed, sent a valuable clock, as a testimonial of good wishes. Other articles are too numerous to mention. All are useful and beautiful. It was a late hour when the congenial company dispersed for their homes

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are active workers in church and other societies in the city, and it was with pleasure that their many friends as well as neighbors, extended their personal congratulations at the silver anniversary

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The Addresses

A notable ceremony in the history of the Deatur public schools was witnessed in the assembly room of the High School this afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock. It was the formal presentation to the school of a splendid life size white plaster bust of Mr. Jacob A. Gastman, who has been connected with the Deatur schools continuously since 1869 and has been superintendent for over thirty years. The gift is a recognition in part of his faithful and efficient services of our distinguished educator, whose life has been devoted to the upbuilding of the school and whose name and personality are forever in the minds and hearts of the sands of young men and women who have passed through the schools. Nearly all the pupils in turn have learned to love and admire Mr. Gastman. All have respect for his firmness and for his uniform consideration of the rights and privileges of the scholars. Evidence of friendship and love is shown frequently at the alumni reunions and at casual meetings of those who have passed through the high



John W. Cook, LL. D., President

school, when Mr. Gastman is always greeted cordially, all lingering about to converse with him and call up memories of a good days

To Mr. J. J. Sheppard, the principal of the high school, belongs the credit of originating the idea of placing in the school some enduring tribute to the moral worth and merit of Superintendent Gastman. The first suggestion was a large portrait. It was decided to procure a white plaster bust to be made by a former pupil of the school, Louis Crumelle, the talented young sculptor whose studio is near the Deatur First association park. It was also decided that the members of the board of education, the members of the high school and all of the teachers and pupils of the Deatur schools should have an opportunity in the presentation and they given an opportunity to contribute money or more to the bust fund. They generously responded, and the bust was finished and this afternoon the presentation took place.

The bust will occupy a place of prominence and honor in the hall of the school building, where tomorrow it will be inspected by the public generally.

To 11 a. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m.

**The Formal Exercises.**

All of the schools in the city were dismissed at 12 o'clock in order that the teachers together with the senior pupils might arrange to be present and witness the exercises attending the presentation. The assembly room was filled. Notably the invitations were limited owing to lack of room, but all of the schools in the city were represented.